

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method of identifying a device in a computer network, comprising:

5 indicating information that specifies the device;

 issuing a network command targeting the specified device; and

 responsive to the targeted device receiving the network command, performing a user
10 detectable action on the targeted device.

2. The method of claim 1, wherein indicating information that specifies the device comprises
indicating the Internet protocol (IP) address of the specified device.

15 3. The method of claim 1, wherein indicating information that specifies the device comprises
indicating the host name of the specified device.

20 4. The method of claim 3, further comprising converting the host name to a corresponding IP
address.

25 5. The method of claim 4, wherein converting the host name includes accessing a Domain Name
Server (DNS) of the computer network.

 6. The method of claim 1, wherein issuing a network command includes issuing an Internet
Communication Messaging Protocol (ICMP) echo request.

 7. The method of claim 6, wherein issuing a network command includes issuing a number of
ICMP echo requests wherein the number of echo requests exceeds a predetermined threshold.

30 8. The method of claim 1, wherein performing a user detectable action includes issuing an
audible sound with the targeted device.

9. The method of claim 1, wherein performing the user detectable action includes displaying a predetermined image on a display device of the targeted device.

5 10. A computer network comprising:

a first device connected to a network interconnect, the first device including processor, memory, input means, and display, wherein the memory of the first device contains processor executable instructions for identifying a device on the network, the instructions including:

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program code means enabling a user to indicate information that specifies the device; and

program code means for issuing a network command targeting the specified device; and

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a second device connected to the network interconnect, the second device including processor and memory, wherein the memory of the second device containing processor executable instructions including program code means for performing a user detectable action responsive to receiving the network command.

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11. The network of claim 10, wherein the program code means for indicating information that specifies the device include code means for indicating the Internet protocol (IP) address of the specified device.

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12. The network of claim 10, wherein the program code means for indicating information that specifies the device comprises code means for indicating the host name of the specified device.

13. The network of claim 12, further comprising code means for converting the host name to a corresponding IP address.

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14. The network of claim 13, wherein the code means for converting the host name include code means for accessing a Domain Name Server (DNS) of the computer network.

15. The network of claim 10, wherein the code means for issuing the network command include code means for issuing an Internet Communication Messaging Protocol (ICMP) echo request.

16. The network of claim 15, wherein the code means for issuing a network command include code means for issuing a number of ICMP echo requests wherein the number of echo requests exceeds a predetermined threshold.

17. The network of claim 10, wherein the code means for performing a user detectable action include code means for issuing an audible sound with the targeted device.

18. The network of claim 10, wherein performing the user detectable action includes displaying a predetermined image on a display device of the targeted device.

19. A computer program product residing on a computer usable medium for identifying a device on a computer network, the computer program product comprising:

program code means enabling a user to indicate information that specifies the device;

program code means for issuing a network command targeting the specified device; and

program code means for performing a user detectable action of the targeted device responsive to receiving the network command.

20. The computer program produce of claim 19, wherein the program code means for indicating information that specifies the device include code means for indicating the Internet protocol (IP) address of the specified device.

21. The computer program produce of claim 19, wherein the program code means for indicating information that specifies the device comprises code means for indicating the host name of the specified device.

22. The computer program produce of claim 21, further comprising code means for converting the host name to a corresponding IP address by accessing a Domain Name Server (DNS) of the computer network.

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23. The computer program produce of claim 19, wherein the code means for issuing the network command include code means for issuing a number of Internet Communication Messaging Protocol (ICMP) echo requests in excess of a threshold number.

10 24. The computer program produce of claim 19, wherein the code means for performing a user detectable action include code means for issuing an audible sound with the targeted device.